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Jo Our New Readers

Dear Friends:

Another invitation! You are more popular than a debutante! You are especially invited to attend the 29th Annual Meeting of the American Dental Assistants Association in Cleveland, September 28th to October 1st.

In this issue you will notice the many invitations from our Cleveland hostesses, and while the official notices are directed to the officers and delegates we want you to know that MEMBERS are welcome at every session. Special forums are planned to help you get acquainted with other members, and to learn about the Association; what it means to its members, and what it can mean to YOU.

In the May-June issue we gave you the name of the Trustee serving your state and if you will write her she will see that you receive the proper application for membership. A post card will do, just be sure to give your name, address, name of doctor and his affiliation with A.D.A. DO IT NOW! Due to vacations, change of officers, etc., it will take some time for your application to be completed. So, do not delay, but allow time for your membership to be approved and for your card to reach you before you leave for Cleveland. Also, it will be necessary for you to make hotel reservation at once. The Hollenden is the headquarters hotel, but if you cannot get in there, the Carter and the Cleveland are convenient locations. I am sure you will be interested in the Editor's report of her experiences as a newcomer at a convention. When you return from your first ADAA convention you will have similar tales to tell the home folks.

As soon as you arrive call your Trustee at the Hollenden, and while she may be attending Board Meetings be sure to leave a message for her giving your name and hotel room number. She will be a "big sister" to you and help you meet others from your district.

Visitors may register and attend the General Session on Monday and the Clinics . . . but to get full benefit you will want to attend all sessions as a MEMBER. So, the first thing to do is get the card in the mail, and say, "I WANT TO BE A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION."

Oh, and by the way, I want to meet you, too, so be sure to call me at the Hollenden. I'll be looking for you at the "Get Acquainted Tea" on Sunday, September 27th.

5114 Bowser St. Dallas 9, Texas STEVE ANN MONTGOMERY, Chairman ADAA Membership Committee

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THE President's PAGE

Dear Members:

Father Time has really pushed me the last few weeks. It seems only vesterday that I was greeting you through the journal, and here it is time for me to again have this opportunity.

The pleasure and honor of serving as your representative to the Ontario Dental Nurses and Assistants Convention in Toronto was truly an unforgetable experience. From the moment I stepped off the train until I again boarded it, I had nothing but pleasant experiences.

It afforded me a great deal of fruition to be numbered as a guest of the Kansas and Missouri members at their Bi-State meeting last month, to attend the delightful Silver Anniversary Banquet of the New York State Association, and last, but far from the least, to be a guest of the Pennsylvania State group, who held their meeting in Atlantic City, home of the famous board walk, this year. I shall always cherish the memory of time spent at these meetings greeting old friends, and meeting new ones. There were members in attendance at the meeting mentioned from California, Iowa, New Jersey and Oklahoma.

En route home I went to Cleveland and met with the Convention Committee Chairman at our headquarters hotel, the Hollenden. Some time was also spent with our parliamentarian. We are anxious to present to the delegates our proposed new By-Laws, which we believe are up-to-date and in correct form. What thrills are in store for those who will be in Cleveland in September! You will be sorry if you aren't there for the meeting.

The theme of the year, "Work-just a little more" closes with working toward better cooperation. I am being selfish and dedicating these work months, July and August to our organization. We are living in a democratic country, and democracy can be defined as voluntary cooperation. We can practice our most valued heritage, that of living in a democratic country, in our offices, our organizations, and in our country's affairs. I am grateful for the splendid voluntary cooperation that has been given me this year. It is my sincere wish for my successor that you will continue to cooperate in the same manner to make her year and theme as successful as this year.

Best wishes and a happy summer to each of you. Sincerely, MARIE JOHNSON, President

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Jechniques for Better Living

By Anna Belle Unger

Let us do good and leave behind us a monument of virtue that the storm of time can never destroy. Write our names in kindness, love and mercy, on the hearts of thousands we come in contact with year by year. We will never be forgotten. Our name, our deeds will be as legible on the hearts we leave behind as the stars on the brow of evening. Good deeds will shine as stars of heaven.

Just how can this be done?

How can we make our work more what it should be? How can we be of greater service to those with whom we work? How can we improve our relations with other people? The answer to these and other related questions does not come in one short rule-of-the-thumb statement. However, I feel that if we make our lives better in general, these specific aspects will automatically be improved. There is no formula of a few words which if followed will lead to the better life in general. However, there are a few problems which confront us all at sometime or other throughout our lives, and stand between us and the better life. It is a few of these problems that I wish to discuss at this time. I believe if we could overcome these problems, we will be better dental assistants, wives, mothers and neighbors.

The first problem we shall consider is how to gain the power to meet and treat the difficulties, anxieties and burdens of endless procession. To begin with, it is necessary that there be a change in our personality pattern. Anything less than this would result in only temporary solution to the problem. One way this new personality pattern may be acquired is to put forth a conscious effort to break free from petty details of our work. Can we talk about anything but our work? Is that all we can think of? If so, we are bound by the details of our work. One way to

shake ourself from these details is to develop interest in other things. A hobby for example. Most great people, even the busiest, for example, President Eisenhower, have hobbies—he paints and golfs regardless how pressing the problem and details.

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A second way to change this personality pattern is to look at our anxieties and burdens in a larger perspective with larger background. Here is a story which indicates just what this technique is like: One summer three friends went on a vacation together. One was a Geologist, one an Astronomer, and the other a Clergyman. Their guide was worried about the coming election. He feared the election of William Jennings Bryan. One night they were sitting around the camp fire and the Geologist and the Astronomer began discussing the immensity of space, and the extreme age and size of the universe. The Guide was so amazed, he was led to say, "Well, I reckon it won't make a powerful lot of difference if William Jennings Bryan is elected." You see, with a larger background, the size of our immediate anxieties diminishes. Life becomes easier if we view our problems against a larger background. Try it. These techniques are not idealistic, but they are tried and tested techniques for adjusting to the hard life. You and I can, if we are willing to put forth the effort, use these techniques to make life easier.

The third technique is to realize that when we are tired and blue, our burdens look greater and we feel less like tackling them. On the other hand if we feel fresh and full of energy, the burdens look smaller and we are more fit to shoulder them. We shouldn't worry about them unless we are in the best of humor and physical condition.

The fourth technique is to realize that there is a limit to what can be done about

our anxieties. What we cannot do should be left to God. Make this uncontrolled area the responsibility of God. There are ample cases in history to bear out this technique's usefulness. Lincoln prayed, Washington prayed, and both acknowledged the hand of God in those areas beyond their control.

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Another problem which confronts most of us at sometime or other in life is the problem of self distrust-lack of confidence. There are many sources of such self distrust. The main source is a succession of personal defeats. Lack of success soon brings discouragement. We can begin to overcome these feelings of self distrust by realizing that many of our defeats are due to coincidence. If our self distrust is due to a succession of personal defeats, chances are great that a large per cent of them were due to chance. Our defeats aren't always due to inabilities.

Further, the criticisms of people are sometime significant and sometime not. Always consider the sources-if emotions such as jealousy are involved, the chances of the criticism being honest, are pretty

Now there is another phase of our personal lives involved in self distrust. That is our ability to compete in a culture such as ours. We may feel like we are mediocre and not endowed with the necessary gifts to achieve what we desire. Do you know that only about 2% of the population are geniuses? That means 98% are of ordinary natural ability. There are many successful people of average ability. It is expected that a student should have an I Q of at least 116 or 120 to graduate from college. Many of us know college graduates who seem mediocre to us.

Another thing about our abilities, they are not all with us today. People, every decade of their lives up to 70 and 80 years of age, discover new abilities they have. People 50 may discover abilities they didn't know they had when they were 30. Ability comes forth with con-

stant effort and work.

It has been said that a genius is noth-

ing but one who has a capacity for vast amounts of hard work. This is not entirely true, but work is the answer in many cases. When one has the capacity for hard sustained work, he need not worry about outstanding natural ability.

Such ambition is not too common. Too many of us are inclined to become discouraged too easily. "If there is ever a time for a person to be ambitious, it is not when ambition is easy, but when it is hard. I believe there is something in the will power that God has given us-when we are determined within our hearts to accomplish a certain labor, by having faith that ability is given us to accomplish our task. But when we lie down, when we become discouraged, when we look at the top of the mountain and say, "it is impossible to climb to the summit," while we never make an effort, it will never be accomplished.

Let us all resolve to make an effort to be better individuals. We can be applying these techniques at every opportunity. We must all work for such improvements. In this process we will become better, finer, neighbors, wives, mothers and dental assistants. We will give support to our dental assistant association. It can be no stronger or more successful than its members make it. If it can be made successful, it will in turn make us better assistants. If it does not, it is our

own fault.

If other assistants can work among the profession and see no evidence of the benefits that come from our organization, then there is a need for us to do something about it. Each one of us have a personal responsibility for the success of this organization. The members' responsibility is no less than the Officers'. Let us by our good deeds leave behind us a monument of character that the storm of time can never destroy.

Anna Bell Unger is the retiring President of Utah State Dental Assistants Association, and this was her address at the recent state meeting. It was sent to the Editor, who, upon reading it, decided to give it a title and print it for your reading pleasure in this issue of The Dental Assistant.

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RESUME OF ACTIVITIES AND PROGRESS OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Early in the season a working program was established and certain portions of the work assigned to various members of the committee.

A Progress Report was prepared and submitted to the President on February First, according to our Standing Rules.

Letters have been sent to the deans of all forty-three dental schools throughout the United States regarding the establishment of courses for dental assistants in the dental schools. Up to the present time twenty-one of the forty-three have replied in a most courteous and encouraging manner.

Two mimeographed information bulletins have been sent out to all state and

local societies.

One textbook has been secured and reviewed; the new edition of Doctor Irwin Robert Levy is under review at the present time.

Catalogs and literature from eleven of the twelve approved schools have been received and examined to determine if

standards are being adhered to.

A questionnaire has been prepared from the data received from these various schools and other sources to be filled out by the schools applying for approval. A new program of accrediting schools is being planned.

Members of the Certification Board are working on a brochure giving instruc-

tions to Examining Dentists.

A great deal of correspondence has been received from members of state and local societies throughout the country inquiring about certain phases of our Educational Program. All such correspondence has been answered.

A Spot Survey pertaining to what the dentist expects from Certified Dental Assistants, made by the Certification Board last year, has been tabulated and published in a recent issue of The Dental

Assistant.

A great deal of work has been done on the revision of the Extension Study Course Outline. Twenty-one pages of suggestions have been prepared for the person who will complete the revision.

Progress is being made on the Correspondence Course for dental assistants which is being undertaken by the North Carolina Dental School. We hope to have a report on that project for the Annual

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Three schools have been notified of their approval by the ADAA; two have been notified that recognition has been withheld; seven are in the process of submitting their curriculum and facilities for approval.

It is hoped that all members of this committee will be in attendance in Cleveland in order to have a Meeting of the

entire committee.

SADIE L. HADLEY, Chm, ADAA Erucation Committee, 163 Cabot St., Beverly, Mass.

PRAYER FOR AMERICANS

God bless this land and keep it free From petty strife and enmity That men of many faiths may be Allowed to live in harmony. God bless and guide the men of state Whose minds must shape our country's fate.

And, Lord, look down on those who roam Defending Freedom far from home. Be with them, Lord, as we would be If thoughts could take us o'er the sea. And, Lord, watch over children who Will grow and love this country, too. God make them straight and strong and tall.

God make them wise and tolerant, all. Thy strength be with us night and day To guide our steps in virtue's way. And when at last we leave this land, Extend to us, O Lord, thy hand.

FOLKLORE IN DENTISTRY

By DOROTHY COLLINS — Gadsden, Alabama

It has been one of the noblest endeavors of scientific progress of recent days to discredit superstitions, to free the human mind from the oppressing clasp of mystical fears and apprehensions, to liberate the atmosphere from the fancied presence of spirits and ghosts, of demons and devils, projected into existence by the highly creative imagination of our bewildered ancestors.

The time of witchcraft and totemism, mythology and divination, at least in the civilized sections of our globe, has gone forever.

It is to be expected that the human body, being the very center of every individual's interest and curiosity, should occupy a vast dominion in the land of folklore. Each one of the many races, nations, tribes, and tribelets has been for thousands of years, and still is, immensely prolific of folkloristic productions relating to the ear, the eye, the hands, the heart, and practically every member of the body of which the primitive mind had knowledge; of all these organs there is perhaps none that is surrounded by such an enormous wealth of folklore as are the teeth.

In many parts of Germany, it is believed that the one whose teeth stand far apart is destined to travel far, and one whose teeth stand close together is bound to remain at home all his life.

In Switzerland, if a child's teeth grow so that broad spaces are left between them, it is believed that he will become a great traveler. If there is a large space between the two upper central incisors, he would be a great singer.

The Italian whose teeth stand apart indicate that their possessor will undertake long travel in foreign countries—but—if your teeth lie one on the other, you will always live with your mother.

"A diamond is not as precious as a

tooth". This statement of a great Spanish writer, whose works represent in every line the folk-soul of his country people, occurs in similar form in the literature of almost all existing languages, white, healthy teeth are valued very highly and if we look over the proverbs, popular quotations, folk-songs, poems and other oral expressions coined by many peoples of this earth, we find that where there is a slightest trace of civilization there is also some form of dental hygiene. It is true, of course, that systematic sanitation of the oral cavity is an acquisition of our modern times, but it is just as true that even in the oldest periods of history a perfect row of snow-white teeth was considered one of the most important postulates of beauty.

The ancient Hebrews had much to say about the teeth and their beauty. "Thy teeth,' 'sings Solomon, "are like a flock of sheep that are even shorn, which come up from the washing, whereof everyone bears twins, and none is barren among them."

A priest who had a defective set of teeth was not admitted to services, as his hideous appearance made him disqualified.

A husband was granted a divorce on the grounds of his wifes' toothlessness.

There are quite a few things which were considered detrimental to the teeth by the ancient Hebrews.

Continuous fasting made them black. Vinegar was bad for healthy teeth, but was supposed to be a good remedy in the case of a toothache caused by ulceration of the gums.

The steam of the bathing house had a bad effect on the teeth.

Sudden fright is apt to make a person's teeth fall out.

In ancient Greece it was considered a virtue to shave frequently and to have

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white teeth. Regular dental hygiene was not known in Greece until the country was made a Roman Province. Under the influence of their western neighbors the Grecians learned how to keep their teeth clean. They used pumice "Arabian Stone", (talcum) emery, and coral powder.

In China the presence of a perfect set of teeth is absolutely necessary for a man or woman who claims to be beautiful. Joking a person whose teeth are defective, one says there, "The dogs holes are opened wide." If an old man is asked how he gets along, and how he puts up with his advanced age, it is considered very polite to put it in these words, "Your honorable teeth?" In Mitford's "Tales of Old Japan," a "purlessly beautiful girl of sixteen" is described as having small and even teeth.

The Turkish wooer, visiting the girl of his choice, attempts to get her to laugh by making all kinds of jokes in her presence, his object in doing so is to study the condition of her teeth as she laughs. The fellows in Palestine wish to have a sweetheart who has pretty teeth.

FOLKLORE OF THE TOOTHPICK AND TOOTHBRUSH

It is not known exactly just how old the toothpick is, but it seems as though this little instrument was already in fashion in pre-historic times. Great reserve and criticism are indicated as to the very difficult interpretation of the many toilet articles found in a number of archaelogic excavations. Several utensils were brought to light which, it was declared by experts, might possibly have served to remove food particles from between the teeth. They usually formed a part of a set composed of two, three, or more pieces which were held together by means of a metal ring, in much the same way as a bunch of keys is carried in our day. Such sets made of bronze, of iron, and in a later period of silver, were found in ancient graves in northern Italy, in Switzerland and in France; they usually consisted of a small ear pick, a tiny fork with two prongs used either as a head-scratcher or

as a nail cleaner, and a thin lancit pointed on one end which might have been employed as a toothpick. If we accept this assumption, then we may concede to the method of practicing mouth hygiene by means of a toothpick an age of at least three hundred years.

It is because the toothbrush is not older than about three hundred years that folklore knows almost nothing about it. It is still regarded as the nobler, less known, more luxurious implement than its little mate, the toothpick.

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The Russians have a proverb that says:
"What good does a toothbrush do him
who has no teeth?" They also compare a
useless gift to the donation of a toothbrush to a toothless maid.

THE TEETH AND MARRIED LIFE In Persia, a man or woman whose

teeth are far apart will marry twice.

It is bad luck for two persons with false teeth to marry.

If your teeth decay at the lower edge, you will marry a widower.

If your teeth decay at the side you will marry well.

If your teeth decay at the top you will be sure to be an old maid.

THE HEART'S GARDEN

The heart is a garden
Where thought flowers grow;
The thoughts that we think
Are the seeds that we sow.

Every kind, loving thought
Bears a kind, loving deed;
While a thought that is selfish
Is just like a weed.

We must watch what we think, Each minute, all day; And pull out the weed thoughts And throw them away;

And plant loving seed thoughts
So thick in a row
That there will not be room
For weed thoughts to grow.

-Katherine Merrill

A. D. A. A. News Items

Gleaned from here, there and yon-

The Angelo Chiavaro Loyal Assistant Trophy will be presented to the member present at the annual meeting in Cleveland who submits the longest record of consecutive employment with one employer, (provided that she has not previously received this trophy). A certificate, giving the date of original employment, attested by the employer, President and Secretary of her local association, and stating that she has been a member of the A. D. A. A. for at least two years, must be notarized. This certificate may be mailed to the Executive Secretary up to September 5; thereafter, they must be turned over to her no later than Monday, September 28 at 5 P. M.

A complete revision of the ADAA By-Laws will be presented to the House of Delegates at the annual meeting. In the past it has been the practice to print proposed amendments in the journal prior to the annual meeting. In view of the fact that it would be necessary to print the entire revision, which would be too space consuming in a journal the size of ours, this proposed revision is being sent to each society sixty days prior to the annual session, but will not appear in the journal. This is in accordance with the present ADAA By-Laws, Article XV, Amendments. It is the duty of the local and state Officers to see that the delegates are informed of the proposed revision prior to the time they attend the annual meeting.

A revision of the Extension Study Course Outline is in the offing. Who will be the lucky one chosen to do this job? Twenty-one pages of suggestions from the Educational Committee to use in this revision! The long awaited History of The A. D. A. A. has been completed we hear. This should be available to the members in the not too distant future.

We are sorry to hear of the resignation of Second District Trustee, Lillie Fairchild. A. D. A. A. loses a valuable member of its Board of Trustees. Lillie's new work as a teacher seemed to conflict with her work as Trustee, and she felt that she should resign from this office. Florence E. Smith, 333 Avenue C, Bayonne, N. J., has been appointed to serve in this capacity until the annual meeting in September.

The annual 1953 A.D.A.A. Certification examination will be held on Saturday, September 26, at 2 P.M. at the Ransom & Randolph Supply Depot in Cleveland, Ohio.

Did you read the Editorial in the May-June issue of The Dental Assistant? If not, we suggest that you do so, and use it in your calls on prospective members and their employers. Point to this suggestion of the ADA to its members with pride. It can be of value to you if you will use it.

Remember, in your membership work that one call is not enough, one letter is not enough, one telephone call will not do the job. You may find it necessary to repeat these. Offer invitations to your meetings to non-member assistants. Chances are many have wanted to attend a meeting for some time, but hesitate to go alone, take her with you to a meeting.

Summer social gatherings are a fine time to get better acquainted. Have you had one in your society this summer?

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Our New Readers Write Us:

Excerpts from letters received by the Editor.

From a letter from Mary Ann Sparrow of Elizabeth, N. J.:

"The year of 1953 began with receiving my first copy of The Dental Assistant. I am very happy to be receiving this wonderful magazine; I find it both educational and interesting. I am anxiously awaiting future copies. I am certain that all of the dental assistants who are receiving the magazine feel as I do, and I want to express my sincere appreciation and thanks for this magazine."

From De Veida Watson, Richfield Springs, N. Y.:

"I do not know to whom I am indebted for your wonderful magazine, but I am very grateful, and wish to thank you sincerely. I have received three copies and am thrilled with it.

"I hope someday in the near future there will be a society near so that I may be one of you, Utica or Mohawk Valley. The nearest now is Syracuse, Schenectady or Elmira."

De Veida, you are receiving The Dental Assistant in 1953 as the result of financial assistance from a group of manufacturing firms of the dental trade industry. The names of these firms are listed on the center page spread of your magazine. Send in your application to the A. D. A. A. for independent membership, and you will continue receiving this magazine when this complimentary subscription expires.—Ed.

From Patricia Holmac, Monta Vista, Colorado:

"I am a junior in high school, and have been thinking seriously about entering the dental profession as a dental technician.

At the present time I am having some Orthodontic work done, and in the course of these treatments I have become interested in the work and would appreciate any suggestions you may have to offer in the way of junior and senior high school courses necessary for entrance requirements, together with information on schools in the West or Southwest that offer such training after high school. The assistant in the office where I receive Orthodontic treatment has been helpful with her suggestions. I enjoy reading her Dental Assistant, and feel sure I would like to become a member of your organization."

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It is good to know that our publication is finding its way into the hands of possible future dental technicians or assistants.

From Anna May Wiley, New Orleans. La.:

"At the present time I am not a member of the ADAA, but I have been in the past and believe me I am looking forward to the time when I will be reinstated.

"I would like to thank everyone who is responsible for the complimentary copies of The Dental Assistant which I have been receiving the past few months. It is my wish that other girls who have never been a member will see the many advantages in joining the national family of dental assistants. Thanks a lot for these reading pleasures."

It pleases us to know that The Dental Assistant has played a part in bringing back in the fold a member who has strayed. It is just as important to get in our renewals as it is new members.—Ed.

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EDITORIAL

WE ARE MISSING A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

It is no longer news to any active member of the ADAA that in July of 1952 11,000 of the 48,000 dental assistants in America, who are not affiliated with the ADAA, returned a survey card to the ADAA central office denoting interest in the association and its publication, and that these 11,000 assistants are receiving complimentary subscriptions to The Dental Assistant in 1953. It can't be news as the announcement of this, and the manner in which the subscriptions were financed, has been run in each of the 3 issues published in 1953, and of which every member has received a copy. Each of these issues also carried messages directed to these non-member assistants, informing them of the history, work and purpose of the ADAA.

Neither should it be news to the members that the Membership Committee of the ADAA has spent considerable time and money in preparing a working outline for its local societies to use as a guide in following up on these inquiries; to further inform these assistants of the work of the ADAA, and to issue each of them a personal invitation to apply for membership in it. In addition to this, 11,000 forms were sent to the Secretaries of the state societies, who in turn were supposed to send these to the various locals for distribution among the members. These sheets provided the name of the assistant who returned the survey card requesting the subscription to the journal, her employer's name and address, and gave the length of time she had been employed as an assistant. A part of the sheet was a form to be filled in as result of these contacts, and returned to the Editor for records.

The mailing of the survey card, the processing of the returns, the raising of the finances for 11,000 complimentary subscriptions, preparing the working outlines and contact sheets, filling in of the information from the survey cards on these, and mailing them, was the culmination of a program for a membership campaign which had been in the making for more than a year. The work through these steps was done by approximately seven people, members and employees of the ADAA. I am sure it is not necessary for me to tell you that this meant hours of labor for these people, and that the cost of the project runs well into \$12,000.00.

From the date the outlines and contacts sheets were mailed out, the remaining necessary follow-up work was, by necessity, placed in the hands of the individual

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members of the ADAA. This part of the work is divided among approximately 7,000 people. 11,000 contacts or calls to be made by 7,000 members does not seem to place a big task on the shoulders of any one person. Do you think it should?

It is disappointing, however, at this press time to note that only 2500 of these result of contact forms have been returned to the Editor. What has happened to the remaining approximately 8,000 that were mailed to the secretaries? It is difficult to believe that these 8,000 forms have been filed in the wastebasket, or that they are gathering dust in the files of state or local secretaries. If you are a newly elected local or state Secretary and these are in your files, they are not work that was completed, it is your duty to see that they are yet properly processed. The information from the 2500 forms received has been gratifying. A good number of new member names have been placed on our membership rolls.

Some societies have cooperated extremely well, but many remain yet to be heard from. Perhaps you have distributed these sheets among your members, asking them to take ample time to properly make these calls, perhaps when you found that an assistant was no longer in an office when you called, you secured the name of the assistant replacing her, talked to her, and sent this change of name for mailing of the remaining issues of the complimentary subscription, perhaps you are arranging a summer social inviting all these prospective members, as was suggested to you by the Membership Committee Chairman. If so, it is very likely when your report is received a large number of forms will be marked "Dues Collected" or "Applied for Membership" rather than "Not Interested", and that your society will be one of the winners of the membership awards to be presented at the annual meeting in Cleveland. It is also likely that there is new life and enthusiasm in your society as a result of your efforts, and that you are experiencing a feeling of satisfaction in the knowledge that you have assisted in advancing the dental health program by helping an assistant to render more efficient service in her role as a dental assistant. That you have done something that will in time result in raising the standards of the 55,000 women who are employed as dental assistants in America today.

If you know that your society has been lax, is not doing their share of this task, we urge you to get busy with this work immediately. There is no time limit on sending in these reports, but the longer you delay this work the less chance you have for any measure of success in it. These assistants were sufficiently interested to return this survey card, and many have even taken time to write us their thanks for the journal. Many of these are still being received. (See copies of excerpts from some of these in this issue.) They have every right to expect a call from you, an invitation to apply for membership in the ADAA. I believe that the percentage of members gained from this source can be worthwhile if you will really put forth some concentrated effort to get in touch with them.

And so it seems the ultimate success or failure of this campaign is now in the hands of the individual members of the ADAA. If we fail will we not have missed a golden opportunity, that was provided us through the support of the American Dental Association and our interested friends of the dental trade industry, to build a stronger and more worthwhile association for dental assistants? They believed in us, had faith in our ability to make this campaign a successful one. The leaders of your organization believe in you, have faith in your ability to make the final chapter of this story one of success rather than failure. Let us all do everything possible to be certain that this faith in us as a group was not misplaced.

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Secretary's Corner... By MARY L. MARTIN, Executive Secretary

410 First National Bank Bldg., La Porte, Indiana

Attention Secretaries: Please forward all dues received from members, promptly. Even if it is just one membership—send it in right away. If you delay, it may be overlooked entirely until it is too late to be accepted for 1953. That creates a situation that is very unfair to the member.

One of the Conference Sessions planned for the Cleveland Meeting is for Secretaries. It will be conducted by the ADAA General Secretary and Executive Secretary. You will want to take part in this. Plan to attend, and bring your questions and your

suggestions and take part in discussions. Treasurers will be welcome too.

The changes of officers of State Associations and Local Societies are not being given in this issue of the journal, because an entirely new Directory is being compiled for 1953-1954, and it will be distributed late in July or early in August. A copy will be sent to each local society, in care of its President. Each State President and State Secretary will receive a copy. Ask your President to bring this Directory to a meeting so that you can all see how many communities are represented in the membership of the A.D.A.A.

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TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

ADAA ANNUAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 27 TO OCTOBER 1, 1953 CLEVELAND, OHIO

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN;—to start counting the days until the BIG EVENT of the year. Of course it is the 29th ADAA MEETING. Make your plans and reservations EARLY.

It would be most impossible to give

all routes into Cleveland from the far corners of our nation. The Passenger Agents of all Rail, Air and Bus Lines are always at your service. The following information is from the Key Cities in your District, via Rail. FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD DISTRICTS

Boston & Maine Service; Maine Central; New York New Haven & Hartford R.R. connections at Boston, New York City or Troy via New York Central into Cleveland, via Pennsylvania; Baltimore & Ohio R.R.

FOURTH AND FIFTH DISTRICTS

Seaboard Air Lines; Coast Line; Louisville & Nashville R.R. connections at Washington, D.C. or Cincinnati via Pennsylvania or Baltimore & Ohio R.R.

SIXTH, SEVENTH AND NINTH DISTRICTS.

Northwestern; Great Northern; Burlington; Union Pacific; Northern Pacific; Chicago Milwaukee St. Paul & Pacific R.R.; connections at Chicago, via New York Central, Nickel Plate; Pennsylvania, Baltimore & Ohio R.R. into Cleveland.

EIGHTH, TENTH AND ELEVENTH DISTRICTS.

Missouri - Kansas - Texas Lines; Rock Island; Union Pacific; Santa Fe; Missouri Pacific; Southern Pacific R.R. connections at St. Louis or Chicago, via New York Central; Nickel Plate; Pennsylvania R.R. into Cleveland.

AIRLINES

American Airlines; Capital; Eastern; North America; Northwestern; T.W.A.; and United Airlines, all arrive at the Cleveland Hopkins Airport, which is one of the country's finest. Limousines are always available, they will take you to your hotel.

BUSES

The American and Greyhound Lines reach the far corners of every state. Without a doubt this would be the least expensive. Get your group organized, make your reservations NOW. You have no idea of the FUN in store for you. On second thought CHARTER A BUS, so get together gals.

The Terminal Tower and Bus Stations are convenient to all Hotels. In fact if you are not burdened with luggage the

Terminal Tower is within walking distance to the Hollenden Hotel.

Come EARLY girls so you will not miss the TEA Sunday afternoon. WHAT would we do without that GET AC-QUAINTED HOUR, isn't it wonderful to meet all the old and new friends?

Looking forward to WELCOMING you to the BEST LOCATION IN THE NATION. For further information contact your District Transportation Committee Member.

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ON THE CONVENTION AT PRESS TIME

Isn't it about time to take a quick inventory, and make a definite decision on whether or not you will make the trip to Cleveland for the 29th annual meeting of the American Dental Assistants Association, which begins September 27 and runs through October 1?

You want to go, you think it can be arranged—fine—that is reason enough to start checking that bank balance, and getting things in order, generally, to arrange to go. You wonder what the trip will offer you? We will try to help you with that question by giving you the following thumbnail summary of what you can expect. We hope when you have read it that you will not miss being there for this "gathering of the clan."

PREPARATIONS

A friendly, enthusiastic "crew" of dental assistants in Ohio have been working for some time making the preparations for a meeting that will be one you won't soon forget. The names and addresses of this "crew" are printed on page (?) of this issue under Convention Committees. Their work is moving swiftly ahead, and the following are special invitations to you from several members of that "crew":

COME ONE, COME ALL TO BEAUTIFUL OHIO, THE BUCKEYE STATE.

All component societies are cordially invited to attend the 29th annual ADAA meeting to be held at Cleveland, Ohio, on the shores of beautiful Lake Erie, September 27-28-29-30 and October 1, 1953. Many interesting and entertaining features have been planned for your enjoyment. Pack your glad rags, hop on the nearest plane, train, bus or ox-cart and Ohio will be waiting for you.

KATHERYN "KAY" HAUSER Pres. Ohio State D. A. A.

IT'S CLEVELAND IN 1953!

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OHIO WELCOMES YOU TO CLEVELAND-

The best location in the nation, for the 29th annual meeting of the ADAA.

Many interesting educational features have been planned, and even though WORK is our theme for the year, the Friendship Hour, the BANQUET, the Dance, the Tour and the Tea all promise fun.

Let's renew old friendships and make new friends in Cleveland in September.

HELEN THOMAS Chairman of General Arrangements.

YOU ARE INVITED

The Third District is again looking forward to having you visit us. We have been extending our friendship to new girls in our own district. Now, we would like to extend it to each of you, members of the ADAA. Won't you accept our invitation for friendship, fun and working together? Do come to Cleveland! If it is your first A. D. A. A. Meeting, I promise you will never forget it. If it isn't your first, you KNOW what fun it will be to see all the girls again.

We will be expectnig you.

ELMA TROUTMAN,

Trustee of 3rd District.

Official Hostess.

MEET YOUR FRIENDS IN CLEVELAND, OHIO

Be sure you make arrangements to arrive in Cleveland in time for the Hostess Society Tea to be held on Sunday the 27th at 4 P. M. This is the affair that "gets the show on the road", the time to get in the mood for the big week ahead, to meet your old friends, and make new ones. A special added attraction has been arranged for this affair (watch for the lady in the glass bowl). Cleveland members are expecting you in numbers for this affair, don't disappoint us.

ANNA CAREY, Chairman Entertainment Committee.

HIGHLIGHTING THE SOCIAL CALENDAR

Attendance at the annual banquet, honoring our President, Marie Johnson, is a

must on the social calendar of the meeting. It will be held on Tuesday, September 29 at 7 P. M. in the Ballroom of the Hollenden Hotel. Your Banquet Committee promises good food and entertainment, followed by a dance. Arrangements can be made for escorts to attend the dance if unable to be at the banquet. Dress will be optional. Tickets will be \$7.00 per person, and will be limited to 400, so make your reservations early.

ELMA WILLIS, Chairman Banquet Committee.

TRANSPORTATION

This is naturally the starting point of arrangements for any trip. The Transportation Committee has compiled information on air, rail and bus lines from all ADAA districts for you (read page 14 of this issue). This will assist you in making transportation arrangements.

HOTELS

All reservations are being made through the ADA Housing Committee. The last issue of The Dental Assistant carried a hotels reservation blank, and a map indicating the location of hotels. As you know, the Hollenden is ADAA head-quarters, and you should give this as your first choice. If you made your reservation early you will probably be able to stay at the headquarters hotel. There are several very fine hotels no more than a few blocks away, however. Fill in the blank in this issue and mail it now for your hotel reservation.

SIGHTSEEING

An article on what Cleveland has to offer to those interested in sightseeing, the places of interest from the natural beauty and historical standpoint, places to go for entertainment, etc., will appear in the next issue of The D. A. The hostess society has arranged a tour at 1 P. M. on Sunday for you. This will no doubt cover many points of interest, and will help reduce the cost of your trip to make this on your own. This "crew" are good red tape and expense trimmers, doing

everything they possibly can to assure you entertainment to fit your own interest and pocketbook.

THE A. D. A. A. PROGRAM

The Resume of the Official Program on page 20 of this issue proves that Program Chairman, Lillian Hoffman and Co-Chairman Nan Miller, and a number of the ADAA Officers and Committee Chairmen have pitched in and arranged a bang-up program for the attenders of this convention. It will include business, fun and fellowship from the minute we arrive until the last parting, "So-long" is heard. Thursday morning's sessions will be the time and place to bring your questions to get some "meaty" material as answers. Jot them down and be ready to ask them when these sessions get under way.

ARE YOU A DELEGATE OR AN ALTERNATE?

We urge all members, whether a delegate or alternate or not, to attend as many of the sessions and social functions as you possibly can. If you are a delegate attending all sessions is a MUST. You have been elected by your state society to represent them at this meeting. It is your responsibility to represent them in an acceptable manner, and to be able to give a first hand and accurate report to your society when you return home. It is your duty to vote on matters when they are brought before the house of delegates. If you are to be a delegate for the first time at a national meeting watch the next issue of The D. A. for an article, "A New Comer To A Convention."

So be there, delegate, alternate, or member. It is at the house of delegates session that you will learn how the business of your ADAA is handled throughout the year, what your Officers and Committees have been doing, how the amount you pay for dues each year is s-t-r-e-t-c-h-e-d to cover the expense of operating an association like ours. By at-

tending the general session you will hear lectures from people who are outstanding in the profession of dentistry. You will gain knowledge that will be of benefit to you in your own daily routine. By attending the Clinics you will learn short cuts from other assistants that will be of value to you. By attending the social functions you will get to know the Officers and Trustees personally, and make new friendships that will likely develop into lasting ones. The hostess society members will appreciate your attendance at an affair which they have worked hard to make enjoyable for YOU.

DETAILS

Wondering what type of clothes to take along? It will be getting very close to Indian Summer time in Ohio. Light weight suits and top coats will probably be in order. Early fall can be yet a little warm, or quite cool, would be hard to say at this point. Breezes from Lake Erie will probably put snap in the air at night, at any rate. The Banquet Committee tells us dress is optional for the banquet this year. Bring what you have, wear what you like, just BE THERE.

AND REMEMBER-

To bring your membership cards to register. There has been set-up in Central Office a permanent card record. The risk to ship this to the meetings can not be taken. YOU MUST HAVE YOUR 1953 MEMBERSHIP CARD TO REGISTER.

Remember also to have the correct number of miles you travel to and from the meeting to give when you register, in order that your state can be eligible to win the mileage award.

Above all, remember if you plan to go, the quicker you act the better. This convention gives promise of a record breaking attendance—so the sooner you act the surer you will be to have an enjoyable trip to Cleveland in September.

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LILLIAN HOFFMAN, Program Chairman NAN MILLER, Co-Chairman

SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED
As you will note in the outline of the Official Program there are to be four Conference
periods on Tuesday morning. These will be
run simultaneously and each will be held
twice. In order to assure well divided groups

tickets will be issued (no charge). These will be available at the Registration Desk. Decide which two conferences you want to attend and get your tickets when you register.

LILLIAN HOFFMAN, Program Chm. NAN MILLER, Co-Chairman

Views of the NEWS

By ALBERTA REED

"I'm burning the well-known midnight oil, And using endless bottles of ink, In trying to writ with flaming pen— But all my stuff is pastel pink!" CHARLOTTE BLAISING.

These lines fit your Editor perfectly tonight. Not one brilliant thought, not one witty remark, not even a solemn admonition or sage bit of advice will come. So we will fall back upon the sincere hope that all of you will have a happy summer, a rewarding vacation, and renewed zest and ambition when autumn comes rolling 'round.

FIRST DISTRICT

News from Massachusetts

Welcome to the "family," Luba Kizik, Publicity Chairman for the Massachusetts State Dental Assistants Association. She reports on the Twentieth Annual Meeting of this group which was held at the Statler Hotel, Boston, Mass., on May 5 and 6. This was a successful meeting, presenting educational lectures and clinics, and highlighted by the election of officers for 1953-54. She also reports on the final meeting of the Metropolitan District Dental Assistants Society which was held May 14 in the Mary Stuart Dining Room, Boston, Mass. This meeting was the occasion for the installation of their new officers at an impressive ceremony.

News from Rhode Island

Station WJAR-TV was the scene of an interesting interview on May 11. Stella Wightman, President of the Rhode Island Dental Assistants Association, and Phyllis Jenkins, Chairman for the May Dance planned by this group, announced plans for the dance and for the Certification Examination, as well as telling how their society functions, its aims and achievements, and invited all girls interested in dental assisting to contact them. Examination for Certification was held May 15 at the Joseph Samuels Dental Clinic in Providence, R. I., with sixteen girls out of a class of fortyone eligible to sit for the examination. A new Extension Study Course was started May 4 at the Crown Hotel in Providence with Florence Viens, Chairman of the Education Committee, in charge. This meeting heard guest speaker Stanley Green of the S. S. White Company lecture on "Mixing Cements and Silicates."— Rita B. Bannon, Publicity Chairman, sent this splendid report.

SECOND DISTRICT

News from New York

The Dental Assistants Society of the First District, New York, Inc., plans to extend its educational program during the 1953-54 season by adding a new series of classes beginning in October 1953. These classes will be conducted independently of the Fourth Extension Study Course which begins in September 1953, will include instructions in the work at the chair, the laboratory, the x-ray room, make-up, grooming, insurance, tax records, etc. These classes will be open to all members and will form an excellent basis of review for graduates of previous Extension Study Courses. Third Extension Study Course students took their Certification Examination on May 22 after completing their study course which was under the supervision of the Planning Committee of the First District Dental Society. The May meeting of this society was the occasion of election of officers for the coming year and presented Sylvia M. Weill, Publicity Chairman, with her excellent clinic entitled "For Efficient Economy." The Clinic Club, which presented clinics prior to each meeting of the society, plans to repeat this stimulating program in the new year and urges all members to join in the work of this club.-Sylvia M. Weill, Publicity Chairman, submits this news along with best wishes for a pleasant summer to all sister-assistants of the A. D. A. A.

The Syracuse Dental Assistants Society had an interesting guest speaker at their April meeting when Miss Victoria Barli spoke on "Seven Is Your Lucky Number," a lecture on figure control. This was followed by a business meeting when nominations were made for State Directors, Madeline Porter and Alberta Spaulding; Judicial Chairman, Alyce Teich; Delegate, Frances Pandillo, and Alternate, Delores Pudney. On May 4 the nominations for election of new officers for the local society were presented by Madeline Porter, Chairman, and Shirley Wellner and Katherine Hauman, Co-Chairmen. June will bring reports of the State Convention in New York from Albert Spaulding and Alyce Teich and the season's activities will close with a banquet on June 17.

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-Dorothea Buchholtz is the able Reporter for this society.

THIRD DISTRICT

News from Obio

The May 11 meeting of the Dayton Dental Assistants Society was held in the Martha Washington Room of the Miami Hotel, Dayton, Ohio, and was the scene of the nomination and election of officers. Following election, a beautiful installation ceremony was presented with Anne Wetzel, Secretary of Ohio State Dental Assistants Association, and Elma Troutman, Third District Trustee, serving as Installing Officers. The activities of this group will be concluded in June with a picnic-style chicken dinner at High View Terrace.—We are indebted to Eleanor Sterling and the Dayton Dental Assistant "Bulletin" for this news.

FOURTH DISTRICT

News from Florida

The April meeting of the Miami District Dental Assistants Society was a BIG meeting! Attendance was over one hundred, including twenty-four doctors in this area, and many prospective new members. It was "Bosses Night" and "Prospective Members Night" and a preview of the clinics presented at the State Meeting. Clinicians were Lois Whitford, Esther Ramsey, Janet Cuerier and Jeannette Michel. Posters by Nell Prothero, Sis Bowers and Ginny Lockwood were displayed. This splendid meeting took place in the Robert Clay Hotel, Miami, Fla. Beginning April 19, all Florida roads led to St. Petersburg for Fourteenth Annual State Meeting. Six men in the Medical and Dental Professions provided educational features, eight competitive papers, five competitive clinics and several posters were en-tered in competition, and a Certification Ex-amination was held. Thirteen girls were eligible to sit for this examination and it is reported that ALL PASSED! Congratulations. girls!! Miami District Dental Assistants Society came home with extended chests because Lois Whitford won the Paper Trophy with "Tried and Proved," and Janet Cuerrier won the Clinic Ribbon with "In Addition to My Other Duties." The May meeting of this group was a detailed report of the events of the State Meeting and June brings a "mad hat" and local talent program which closes activities for the summer.—Pearl M. Blegen with "The Explorer" and Betty Macy with "Miami Metterings" are the sources of this

FIFTH DISTRICT

News from Kentucky

Peggy LaLance, Fifth District Reporter, is the

hard-working and enthusiastic Chief of all the Reporters for the Fifth District. She starts off with the Second Annual Meeting of the Kentucky Dental Assistants Association held at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Ky., early in April. The business and educational sessions included officer and committee reports, President Nell Tipton's address calling on members to double last year's goal of "one new component society," and guest speaker Dr. Gradie R. Rountree, M. D., who spoke on "Industrial Medical and Dental Service." Ione Roberts concluded this session with a short talk. The afternoon session brought the election of officers, the award of the Membership Trophy to the new West Central Dental Assistants Society, followed by a lovely ceremony when Ione Roberts installed the new officers.

The Louisville District Dental Assistants Society elected their new officers at the March meeting and installed them, at a beautiful ceremony, at the May meeting. President Martha Hans announced that activities are suspended until September when this group expects to "start off with a bang."

News from West Virginia

The March meeting of the Huntington Dental Assistants Society presented guest speaker and noted Orthodontist Dr. R. K. Steiner with a clinic on "Prevention and Correction of Irregular Teeth, and Disfiguring Habits." The April meeting took the form of a "Clinic Night" followed by a period of constructive criticism and discussion. The clinicians were Nancy Curry with "Sterilization," Mary Woefel with "X-Ray Technique," and Kenny Mynes with "Dental Assisting As An Art." Plans for the May meeting included election and installation of new officers with Irene Tobin and Ruth Harris serving as Installing Officers. These girls are looking forward with anticipation to the State Meeting to be held at the Greenbrier Hotel, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., in July and will have Peggy LaLance and Kenny Mynes serving as Delegates and Mary Jo Fulks and Ruth Harris as Alternates. They also say "Have lots of fun this summer, girls."

There is a new voice from West Virginia and we say "Welcome" to Ruth Frazier, Reporter for the New River Dental Assistants Society, Beckley, W. Va. The April meeting of this society presented a film "Telephone Courtesy" under the auspices of the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company and its manager, Mr. R. J. Genteel. The place of this meeting was the office of Drs. T. A. and F. A. Edwards, Beckley, W. Va. Plans for the May meeting include an outing and picnic at Little Beaver 4-H Lake. Let's hear from

you again, girls!



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LABORATORIES Henry P. Boos, Dental Laboratories News from Tennessee

Now let's get back to more Peggy LaLance news. The annual State Meeting of the Tennessee State Dental Assistants Association was held in Knoxville, Tenn., May 10-14, with headquarters at the Hotel Farragut. Clara Blackwell, First Vice President and Program Chairman, and Jessie Cox, President, presented an outstanding and educational program of scientific lectures at this meeting. Second Vice President Jeanette Corbitt, Chairman of Clinics and Fxhibits, and Third Vice President Virginia Carpenter, Chairman of Publications and Papers, contributed greatly to the success of the program of clinics and papers. Social functions at this meeting included a Japanese Tea in the Oak Room of Hotel Farragut, compliments of Kingsport Dental Laboratory, Past Presidents' Breakfast with Elsie Emory as hostess, a Rainbow Luncheon, compliments of Keener Dental Supply Company, the Registration Luncheon at Holston Hills Country Club, the Installation Luncheon at Deane Hill Country Club, compliments of Powers-Anderson Dental Supply House, at which time the new officers were installed in office at an impressive ceremony, and concluded with the Annual Banquet and Dance. This stimulating State Meeting closed with the ever-popular Table Clinics presented in conjunction with the Tennessee State Dental Association.

The Knoxville Dental Assistants Society is completing the Extension Study Course and a Certification Examination will be held in

Knoxville on June 28.

The March meeting of the Memphis Dental Assistants Society was held in the Hotel Peabody when guest speaker Dr. Frank Hall, Jr., gave an interesting talk on "Helpful Hints in the Dental Office." Dr. Gray Williams, President of the Ninth District Dental Society, was an honored guest at this meeting. At the April meeting of this group, Dr. Kimbrough Boren presented an enlightening lecture on "Child Management in the Dental Office." Mr. Gray Beale, a former dental supply salesman and an old friend of the society, made a surprise visit and told of his interesting experiences the past few months in California. Selection of delegate and alternate for the National Meeting in Cleveland were made with Lucy Wellborn as Delegate and Ina Shelow as Alternate.

News From North Carolina

The North Carolina State Dental Assistants Association held its Third Annual Meeting at Holly Inn, Pinehurst, N. C., on May 17-19. A successful program of clinics and scientific lectures made this meeting an outstanding one. Winston-Salem sent Delegate Lake Pope and Alternate Bess Reid, Greensboro sent Delegate Mary Benton and Alternate Marguerite Bartee, and Charlotte sent Delegates Mary Taylor

and Jerry Thompson and Alternates Helen Johnson and Lavelette Trammell.

North Carolina's first Certification Examination was given to ten candidates on April 4 at Bumgardner Auditorium and Charlotte Laboratory in Charlotte, N. C. Examining Chairman was Jean Bullock of Greensboro, assisted by Betty Freeman of Greensboro and Ann Hayden of Charlotte. Dr. Burke Fox, Chairman of the Planning Committee, Dr. Amos Bumgardner, Dr. Milo Hoffman, Dr. Everett Moser, Dr. D. T. Waller, Dr. John Phart and Dr. Joseph Moses supervised the practical examination. All of these doctors served as instructors for the study course.

The Charlotte Dental Assistants Society held a spring fashion show in March under the supervision of Blondie Morse of Iveys. The April meeting of this group presented Dr. Viaden Kendrick as guest speaker who presented an interesting lecture on "Oral Surgery illustrated with colored slides. Another delightful affair enjoyed by this group when Mr. Henry Swanzey gave a Country Ham Super at "My Hyacinth" honored the Instructors and Students of the Charlotte Dental Assistants

Study Course.

News from South Carolina

The Annual State Meeting of the South Carolina Dental Assistants Association will be held at Folly Beach on June 21-23. An excellent scientific and educational program is being planned for this meeting.

The Greenville Dental Assistants Society held a Juliette Southard Party in May in the form of a square dance, with all proceeds going to the Relief Fund. The affair was a huge success in both fun and money depart-

ments.

The Columbia Dental Assistants Society heard two interesting lectures at their last meeting, namely "Laboratory Techniques for Doctor and Assistant" and "Focal Infections." And the Spartanburg Dental Assistants Society listened to two excellent lectures from two of their own doctors at their last meeting. Thanks a million, Peggy LaLance, for these fine reports.

SIXTH DISTRICT

News from Illinois

The Annual Meeting of the Illinois State Dental Assistants Association was held in Peoria, Ill., May 11 and 12 at the Jefferson Hotel. Members registered for this meeting from Chicago, Rockford, Fox River Valley, Decatur, Springfield and Peoria. Marjorie Fowlet, State President, presided capably at all sessions. Jeanne Ostermeier, President of the Chicago Dental Assistants Society, First Vice President of the Illinois State Dental Assistants Association, and Program Chairman for this meet

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NORTH CAROLINA'S FIRST CERTIFICATION CLASS—Front row, left to right: Marion Stanfield, Lillian Callicutt, Gladys Deese, Rachael McCorckle, Peggy Cook. Second row, left to right: Marie Pope, Louise Richardson, Lavelette Trammell, Edna Zedaker. Absent: Celeste Knox Freeman.

ing, deserved an "Oscar" for the splendid program arranged and presented here. On Monday, the meeting started off with a stimulating and challenging panel discussion, the panel including Dr. Robert Pollock and Dr. Carl Madda of Chicago, Dr. G. E. Alzeno of Stockton, and Mr. Dickinson of L. D. Caulk Company of Chicago. The topic under discussion was "Reflections on Dental Assistants." Later on Monday, Marjorie Fowler opened the afternoon meeting and called upon the Reverend Edward D. Gates of the First Presbyterian Church, Peoria, who gave the invocation. The first speaker was Dr. Clyde Stroup who presented a challenging lecture entitled "Office Procedures and You." Tuesday brought a splendid talk on "Child Patient and Rampant Caries" by Ralph McDonald, B.S., D.D.S., M.S., of Indianapolis, Ind., which talk he illustrated with colored slides. Dr. McDonald received his degrees from Indiana University School of Dentistry, is Director of Operative Dentistry of Riley Hospital, Consultant to the dental division of the Indiana State Board of Health, and Charman of the Department of

Pedodontia, Indiana University. Following this, Dr. Otto W. Silberhorn, professor of crown, bridge and partial denture department of Northwestern University, ably presented his lecture on "Aids in Assisting in Crown and Bridge Work." All dental assistants who heard these outstanding speakers at their State Meeting express their appreciation for the interest and sacrifice of time given by these doctors and pledge themselves to become better dental assistants. Tuesday afternoon brought an address by Dr. James C. Donelan, Counselor for the Illinois State Dental Assistants Association, on "Office of a Dentist in the State of Illinois—Yesterday and Today" which he illustrated with slides. Dr. Donelan presented his talk in an interesting fashion-by appearing to read a letter he had written to a relative. Dr. Donelan is from Springfield. The clinics were given on Tuesday by the following clinicians: Polly Laude, Rockford, on "Inlay Investment"; Janet Lindenburg, Peoria, on "Friendship Box"; Dolores Hardin, Peoria, on "Record Casts"; Virginia Behrens, Peoria, on "Time Savers"; and Eleanor Shields for most efficient extraction technique



and Thelma Cornell, Peoria, on "Do and Don't for Dental Assistants." Planning all social events on the theme "We Must Become Better Acquainted," the first was a luncheon given by Janet Lindenburg, Chairman of Local Arrangements, honoring all officers of the Illinois State Dental Assistants Association and held at the Creve Coeur Club. Monday evening, a cocktail party and buffet dinner was held at the home of Dolores Hardin, Peoria. The informality of the evening created fine friendships that will lead to greater efforts and cooperation among all members. Tuesday noon was the time for a luncheon at the Jefferson Hotel, honoring the charter members of the Peoria Dental Assistants Society. The society is celebrating its tenth anniversary and six of the original charter members were present. Past Presidents of Peoria also were honored at this luncheon. This fine and enthusiastic report is the work of Janet Lindenburg, Publicity Chairman for the Illinois State Dental Assistants Association. Thank you and welcome, Janet.

News from Michigan

The annual meeting of the Michigan State Dental Assistants Association was held in Detroit, Mich., in April. One hundred fifty-six dental assistants registered for this meeting, including a number of Northern Michigan and Bay City girls. President Ruth Maino presided at all sessions ably and well, and was re-elected to lead this association for another year. Appreciation was publicly acknowledged to Dr. E. L. Schied, Dr. L. A. Stebbins, Dr. Rene Rochon and Dr. Harry Nelson for their part in making this meeting a success by helping with program and arrangements. And a special thank-you was tendered Dr. G. R. Brooks for his help during the past year and for accepting Sponsorship of the Dental Assistants in 1953-54. Honored guests at this State Meeting included Marie Johnson, President of the American Dental Assistants Association, and Eugenia Uttech, Sixth District Trustee. Grand Rapids Dental Assistants Society have done such a wonderful job this year they walked off with the Membership Trophy. Interesting highlights of this meeting were the travelogue and colored slides of a European Tour presented by Dr. Harry Cavanaugh, "X-Rays" by Dr. Rene Rochon, and "Beauty and Good Grooming" by Margaret Lewis. A tour of the University of Detroit was an interesting experience for all who attended and the Detroit girls were hostesses at a very successful Dental Assistants Dance. Excellent Table Clinics were presented by Lor-naine Dyke, Grand Rapids; Lois Sievevold, Grand Rapids; Barbara Bevin, Detroit; Ann Majzel, Owasso; Marguerite Podulka, Flint, and Janice Cummings, Grand Rapids. Helen M. Lestyany of Jackson, Mich., reported on this meeting and we thank her much.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

News from Arkansas

The Seventh Annual Meeting of the Arkansas State Dental Assistants Association was held at the Hotel Lafayette in Little Rock, Ark., April 5-8. This meeting was the largest and best Arkansas has ever had with highest praise due Jeannie Schulte, Retiring President, her staff and committees for the splendid scientific and social program they arranged. The reception on Sunday for all State Officers broke all attendance records. Jeannie Schulte and Marie Rieter, Retiring Secretary-Treasurer, were accorded a special vote of thanks for their splendid work. For the first time in Arkansas dental history, the dental assistants had their own program! Heartiest congratulations to Harriet Crawford, a Past President, for her efforts in this direction. An honored guest at this meeting was Delma Hopkins of Kansas City, Kansas, the Eighth District Trustee. Nancy Powell, Chairman of Clinics Committee, presented the following clinics in conjunction with the Arkan-sas State Dental Society; the clinicians were Marie Rieter, Alma McWilliams, Pat Stice, Ethel George, Alice Haberli and Margaret Stinson. Mildred Reynolds of Little Rock, Reporter and Secretary-Treasurer of Arkansas State Dental Assistants Association, is the author of this report.

News from Missouri

The Springfield District Dental Assistants Society held a dinner meeting in March in the Grill of the Kentwood Arms Hotel. The guest speaker for the evening was Mrs. Frank Steuery who chose "Have I Met You?" as her subject. Her interesting and provocative lecture dealt with the charm and understanding needed to deal with the public. The April meeting of this group was again held in the Grill of the Kentwood Arms Hotel with guest speaker Mr. Harold Donaldson, Director and Owner of the Donaldson Laboratories. He spoke with authority on the "Proper Sterilization Techniques." This was followed by an informal discussion period. Sue Adams, Reporter for this society, sent us this news.

Mildred Holder, Reporter for the Kansas City Dental Assistants Society, Kansas City, Mo., writes us of their March meeting held at the Pickwick Hotel. The guest speaker was Dr. Morton P. Rowan who chose "The Use of Suggestion" as his subject. The April meeting of this group presented Miss G. Archanna Morrison who gave an inspirational talk on "Office Efficiency and Procedure." Future reports will tell of the fine program



GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN DENTAL ASSISTANTS HOLD FIRST CERTIFICATION CEREMONY—First row, L. to R.: Carol Formsma, Loraine Dyke, Nancy Moyer White, Gene Winter, Bessie Erickson, Adelaide Furber. Second row: Isabelle Hawkins, Janice Cummings, Lois Sierveld, Ann Shields, Dr Henry Haman, Advisor, Josephine Kielek, Frances Elenbaas, Julia Melpolder, Ruth Rogers, who presented the caps and certificates. Third row: Ruth Scarlett, Wilma Stab, Sarah Gibbs, Marjorie Freeman.

planned for the Missouri and Kansas Bi-State Meeting to be held in May.

NINTH DISTRICT

News from Washington



VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON ASSISTANTS FIRST ANNIVERSARY BANQUET—Newly elected officers were installed at the banquet. They are, left to right: Bobby Chaffee, Treas.; Ethel Hecox, Registrar; Ruth Hoass, Pres.; Arva Burgen, Vice President; Carmen Lange, Executive Board; Betty Benson, Secretary.

The Washington State Dental Assistants Association held its Annual Meeting in Yakima, Wash., May 18-20. House of Delegates Meetings were held each morning of the meeting, election of new officers was held on Friday, and table clinics were presented Saturday afternoon. The formal banquet on Saturday evening climaxed this meeting. Welcome to our column and thanks for the news, Colleen Dahl of Tacoma, Wash., Publicity Chairman for

the State Society.

The Tacoma District Dental Assistants Society held their annual "Bosses Night" April at the Towers Restaurant with sixty doctors and assistants in attendance. The theme of the evening of fun and entertainment was "Fine and Dandy"-every dental assistant and her boss wore name tags carrying out this theme. President Rosetta Weeks welcomed the guests, Dr. Russell Perkins, President of the Tacoma District Dental Society responded graciously, and the Rhythmettes, a girls' trio, entertained with music during the evening. Colleen Dahl was Chairman of the Program Committee, ably assisted by Glenna Wusterbarth, Bonnie Barnwell, Maxine Trainor, Joann Walters, June Brown and Marilyn Cady. The election of new officers of this group was held at a special meeting called April 22. May 2 was the date of the Certification Examination when twelve Tacoma girls sat for the examination. Congratulations, girls! The May meeting was held at the Wintrop Hotel and was the occasion of a beautiful candlelight ceremony when the new officers were installed. Joann Knapp served as Installing Officer and Lorraine Morash served as Conducting Officer. Thanks, Maxine Trainor, for this fine report.

The Yakima Dental Assistants Society held its March meeting at the home of Dorothy Mitzel when plans for the State Meeting were discussed. The May meeting of this group was the Annual Doctors' and Assistants' Dinner and was a huge success. Dolores Bohonnan is the reporter for these girls. Thanks,

Dolores.

The Vancouver Dental Assistants Society sends belated but enthusiastic news of their active group through the efforts of Mildred O'Donnell, Reporter. The Totem Pole Inn was the setting for the colorful installation banquet. Bobbee Chaffee presided as Mistress of Ceremonies, Leona Huntley, Ninth District Trustee, served as Installing Officer, and Joann Knapp, Washington State President, served as Conducting Officer. Special honor and appreciation was tendered to Grace Hart, Drs. James O'Banion, Gordon Kaelin and Alfred Burton, Advisors, for their efforts and cooperation during the past year. This meeting was the occasion of the first anniversary of this group.

News from Oregon

The Oregon State Dental Assistants Association held its Eleventh Annual Meeting in Portland, Ore., on March 2-4 with the Portland Dental Assistants Society as hostess. Dental assistants registered at this meeting from Salem, Eugene, Southern Oregon, Vancouver and Seattle, Wash. President Peggy Retzer presided at all sessions, with officers' and committees' reports, election of new officers, appointment of delegates to the National Meeting in Cleveland, and nominations for Ninth District Trustee engaging the attention of those attending. This meeting closed with an informal supper honoring the clinicians and featuring a cotton fashion show. The second session brought stimulating addresses by Dr. Ralph Cooper, President of Portland District Dental Society, Dr. Charles S. Renouard, Trustee of the American Dental Association, Dr. Chalmer Lee George, President Oregon State Dental Association, Dr. Robert Stone, President-Elect of Oregon State, Peggy Retzer, President of Oregon State Dental Assistants Association, and Leona Huntley, Ninth District Trustee. Nine clinics and three exhibits were presented in the afternoon with Norma Jergesen, Chairman of Clinics and Exhibits, in charge. First award went to Esther Mohr, Frances Dempster and Sybol Prescott for their outstanding clinic "Miss Proper and Miss Improper." Second award went to Lorraine Wooley for her "Hydrocolloid Technique," and third award was won by Mary Helen Ernest with "Protective Coating for Silicates." This successful State Meeting closed with a grand banquet in the Empire Room of the Hotel Multnomah which honored Peggy Retzer and her staff. Kathryn Carson was Chairman of the Arrangements for this affair and cups were presented to the winners of the competitive clinics. Following this, a beautiful candlelight ceremony was the scene of the installation of the new officers. Louise Wolf, Director, is responsible for this lovely report.

Jean Buckshnis, Secretary of the Oregon State Dental Assistants Association, reports that many of their members reported at the Red Cross Mobile Unit, United States National Bank, Portland, Ore., on their lunch hour and donated blood. The girls donating blood were Cecille Heller, Lorraine Wooley, Helen Rattele, Celia Keys, Dorothy Blattner, Dorothy Hagenauer, Fern Hopkins, Joan Hunt, Audrey Payn, Jean Buckshnis, Jean Shibley and Teresa Stowell. Thanks to Jean Buckshnis for the report and thanks to these girls for their patriotic action!

TENTH DISTRICT

News from Texas

The April meeting of the Wichita Falls District Dental Assistants Society met at the home of Rose Choate with Mary Newman, President, presiding. Dolly Hill, Educational Chairman, reported the principal interest in educational activities was the extension Study Course, the outstanding program presented was by Dr. Louis R. Hill on "Office Management and Patient Relationship." Election of officers were held and the meeting closed with delicious buffet dinner served by Rose Choate. Winnie Ballard, Secretary-Treasurer, is the reporter for this society.

Suzanne Carpenter, Reporter for the Fort Worth District Dental Assistants Society, sends us news of their activities. The March meeting was held at the A. P. Cary Company with President Fran Armstrong presiding. Virginia Harpstrite, Program Chairman, introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Pete Simon, who presented an educational lecture on the "Histology of the Tooth and Its Supporting Structure." March 25 was the date when the Fort Worth dental assistants were entertained by the Dallas County Dental Assistants at a bingo party. Prizes, refreshments and picture taking added to the enjoyment of the evening. The April meeting of the Fort Worth Society was again held at the A. P. Cary Company. Dr. G. G. Braendle was guest speaker and presented a movie entitled "Dental Assistants in Their Effective Utilization.

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held its February meeting at the White Plaza Hotel with the doctors and their wives as honored guests, and an attendance of over one hundred. Guest speaker of the evening was Dr. Earle Williams, member of the Dallas Dental Society, whose after-dinner talks give everyone a lift and impetus to accomplish more each day. The March meeting was a Round Table Discussion, giving every member the chance to voice her opinions and questions. April brought the ever-popular Clinics Night" with clinicians Rosamond Atkinson on "Sterilization in General Dentistry," Louise Jetton on "Patient Recall System," Viola Spemce on "The Dental Assistant Aids In Dental Health," Carol Jean Brown on "Assisting with Air-Abrasive," Edna Vulk on "Presentation and Detail of the New Dental Credit Plan," and Sally Fuller on "Tooth Brush Technique." Election of officers was held at this meeting. The Seventh Annual Meeting of this group was held at the White Plaza Hotel in March with President Leta Featherstone presiding. Dr. H. D. McCamey was guest speaker. He was a missionary dentist in Africa and told many interesting stories of his work there, and displayed wonderful souvenirs. The door prize was donated by Dr. Harold Younger and won by Ray Moore. Action to make Lillian Metze an honorary member of both local and state societies was taken. Rosamonde Atkinson is the able Reporter for this society.

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The Houston District Dental Assistants Society held its March meeting at Sorrento's Restaurant, Houston, Tex. President Gloria Reinhard presided at the business meeting which followed dinner. Committee reports were given, new committee chairmen for 1953 were announced, and appreciation was expressed for the excellent work done by committees during the past year. The April meeting of this group was again at Sorrento's Restaurant where all future meetings will be held. This meeting was the scene of a beautiful candlelight ceremony when new members were installed. Francine Finch was Conducting Officer and Anna White was Assisting Officer. New members installed included Doris Jones, Gloria Vassolo, Martha Caldwell, Lillian Gray, Celeste Collins, Marie Adams, Lila Lindsay, Mary Adams, Mildred Snider and Irma Rogers. Honored guests at this meeting included Violet Crowley, Editor of the Dental Assistant, Dorothy McLeese, General Chairman, and Laura Whiffen, Co-Chairman of the Texas State Dental Assistants Thirteenth Annual Meeting, and Lois King, Secretary-Treasurer of the Texas State Dental Assistants Associatian. Two clinicians, Lucy Wiggins with "Patient Management" and Barbara Gibbons with "Care of the Handpiece" presented splendid clinics and will next present them at the State Meeting. Anna White is the Reporter here and Mary Frances Bryant, State Reporter, is the clever Chief of these Texas Reporters

News from Arizona

Joy Phillips, President of the Arizona State Dental Assistants Association, sends us a sparkling and enthusiastic report of the Third Annual Meeting held in Phoenix, Ariz., April 24-25. This was a meeting of "Firsts" in many respects, says Joy. The first time their state meeting extended more than one day, the first time they had a Public Relations Booth with charts on pins and caps and educational advantages, the first time Arizona had a poster of her own to display alongside the ADAA posters, the first time they ever had a banquet in honor of their president, the first time they will send a clinician to a National Meeting, and a first welcome to the new society, Southside Dental Assistants Society which is showing splendid progress. Arizona has more than doubled its membership in the past year and added a new society. Two interesting speakers added to the educa-tional value of this meeting, namely, Dr. R. W. Chirstensen, Phoenix, with the "Dental W. Chirstensen, Phoenix, with the "Dental Assistant's Role," and Mr. Francis L. Garvey, LL. B., Secretary on Legislation of the American Dental Association, on "The Advantages of Membership in ADAA." Three table clinics were presented by the Phoenix girls. Election of officers for the new year completed the program for this splendid meeting. Congratulations to you, "Baby State," and more power to you!!

News from Utah

Gayle Smith, Secretary of the Utah State Dental Assistants Association, is proud to report the doings in her part of the country. The Utah State Dental Assistants Association held its Third Annual Meeting at the Hotel Newhouse, April 27-28, in Salt Lake City, Utah. President Anna Belle Unger presided at all sessions, invocation was given by Dr. Creed Haymond, address of welcome was brought by Dr. S. K. Robbins, and greetings were extended by Dr. Eldon Mackley, Honorary Advisor to this association. The President's address was an inspired contribution of Anna Belle Unger and Nita Browning, Tenth District Trustee, brought an impressive message entitled "Increased Wages for the Dental Assistant." Dr. Henry M. Leicester, Professor of Chemistry, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Stanford University, presented two interesting lectures to the doctors and the assistants, namely "Dental Caries" and "Fluorida-The afternoon session presented a special feature, a talk on "Beauty and Health" by Reed Fairbanks of the Excelsis Beauty Salon, a movie entitled "The Effective Utili-

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zation of the Dental Assistant," and a lecture on "Office Management" by Mr. John Sipkema. The Achievement Trophy, presented annually to the outstanding dental assistant, was awarded to Gayle Smith by Dr. R. M. Deiter and Madge Tingley, Honorary Life Members of this organization. Following the banquet, the Second District Dental Assistants Society of Ogden presented a skit entitled "Cinderella," a skit designed to point out the advantages of being a certified dental assistant. The second day of the meeting heard the Officers Reports. A luncheon, given in honor of Nita Browning, Tenth District Trustee, followed with election of officers. A beautiful and impressive candlelight service installed these officers, with Myrtle Sleater serving as Installing Officer. The Clinic and Poster Trophy awards followed, with the Clinic Trophy going to Doris Brown and the Poster Trophy to Ray Ann Smith, both of the Ogden society.

News from California

The Third District Dental Assistant Society held educational meetings in February, March and April. Mr. Glen Turner of the S. S. White Company presented a lecture on "Air-Dent Demonstration" in February, Dr. Har-land Apfel presented "Surgery and the Dental Assistant" in March, and Mr. Lou Andrietta of the Ney Gold Company spoke on "Inlay Technique" in April. The May meeting was arranged by the United Airlines called "A Trip to Hawaii" and the members' mothers were honored for Mothers' Day. Forty dental assistants from all over southern California were guests of the Third District in February. It was the Southern California State Dental Assistants Association Board Meeting held at the Lafayette Hotel. Following the business meeting presided over by President Madeleine Krueger Kulstad, there was a luncheon. The Third District was well represented at the Southern California State Dental Assistants Convention held at the Alexandria Hotel, Los Angeles, April 26-28, with seven delegates, seven alternates, and four clinicians. Members are working hard on preparing for their Annual Dance to be held on June 5 at Palos Verdes Country Club. All the proceeds from this dance go to the Children's Dental Health Center, the organization project of this society. Helen Steele is the capable Reporter for this group.

Helen Henderson, Reporter for the Los Angeles Dental Assistants Society, reports on the Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Southern California State Dental Assistants Association on April 19-21. Robert W. McNulty, Dean of the School of Dentistry, University of Southern California, spoke most interestingly on "You and Dentistry." Three educational forums were presented; Dr. Robert

Ewing on "Practise Administration," Dr. Howard Baker on "Sterilization," and Dr. J. Donald Shriber on "Blood Chemistry and Dentistry." Three awards were made to members of the Los Angeles Dental Assistants Society at this meeting, namely, the Achievement Trophy to Frances Rice, Publicity and Convention Co-Chairman, the Longevity Trophy to Florence Carter, and a Special Award to Lois Walters, Education Chairman. This society had a successful "Guest Tea" in May at the Windemere Hotel, Santa Monica, for the purpose of furthering the membership drive. Announcement is made that Certification Classes will begin this September. The "Doctors' Night" scheduled for June 11 will recess meetings of this group until next autumn.

The Fresno Dental Assistants Society held its March meeting at the California Hotel, Fresno, Calif., with Alberta Kilgore, Program Chairman, in charge. Following dinner, a skit entitled "Dream Puff" was presented by Virginia Salvatore, Sue Garbedian and Juania Briscoe. This was followed by a fashion show of dental assistant uniforms presented by Mrs. Helgerson. The April meeting of this group was again held at the California Hotel with guest speaker Dr. David Silverman who spoke on "Fluoridation." The business meeting was in charge of President Mary Reid and ended with the reading of the Dental Assistants' Creed. In April, the guest speaker was Mrs. Brouse of the American Red Cross who spoke forcefully on the subject of "Civil Defense," pointing out the individual's responsi-bility and role in case of local, state or national disaster. A Home Nursing Course was suggested to all present. Eleanore Hibbard is the faithful Reporter for this society.

News from Hawaii

Since it has been so long since we have heard from our sisters in Hawaii, your Editor cannot refrain from including some news of their activities just received. The March meeting of these girls in the Honolulu County Society was held at the Evergreen Restaurant with Dr. Floyd A. Sanberg, Chairman of the Committee on Clinics, Hawaii Territorial Dental Society, as guest speaker. Dr. Sanberg spoke on "Clinics" and urged more and more members to participate in this work. The meeting ended with the showing of the film "Dental Assistants—Their Effective Utiliza-tion." Your Editor also wishes to mention tion." that, this year, Annie Kerr was awarded the Loyalty Trophy for her twenty-two years of service in the dental field and the Achievement Trophy, gift of Madge Tingley. This news was gleaned from a letter and a bulletin received from Annie Kerr who sent along a warm "Aloha" to all dental assistants. Confidence...

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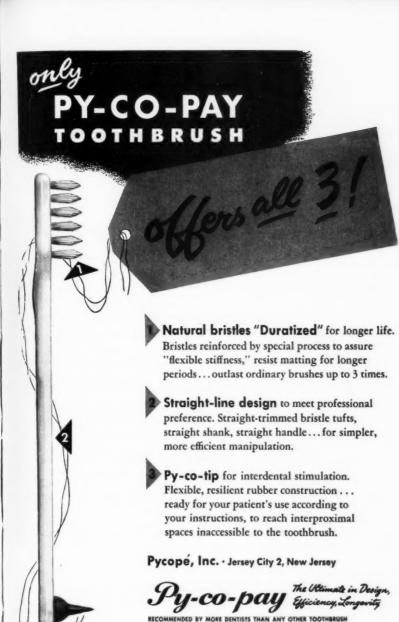
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